

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

MAKE IT IN AMERICA ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 20, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Make It in America Act." I thank U.S. Senator DEBBIE STABENOW (D-MI) for sponsoring the companion legislation, which was passed recently by the Senate in the bipartisan "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act" (H.R. 3684).

Our "Make It in America Act" would prevent federal agencies from utilizing unnecessary waivers to get around "Buy American" requirements. Longstanding Congressional direction under the Buy American Act of 1933 (Public Law 72-428) requires the federal government to give preference to domestically produced goods and services. This ensures that taxpayer dollars are spent in support of American-made products and American jobs.

Despite this law, federal agencies routinely waive "Buy American" requirements without cause to purchase foreign-made products even when domestically made alternatives are readily available. This must end.

The "Make It in America Act" would close loopholes in our nation's "Buy American" laws and require that any waiver of the Buy American Act be publicly posted online with detailed justifications by the respective federal agency.

Our bicameral legislation also supports President Biden's Executive Order No. 14005, by providing Congressional authorization for the new Made in America Office within the White House's Office of Management and Budget. This new office is charged with reviewing all waivers to the Buy American Act sought by federal agencies and ensuring compliance with other "Buy American" laws. I strongly support President Biden's executive order creating this much-needed central office dedicated to enforcing "Buy American" laws, and I thank him for his leadership on this critical issue.

Congress must further strengthen our nation's "Buy American" laws to better support American manufacturing and competitiveness. The legislation I introduce today builds upon the "Make It in America" agenda I have advocated for throughout my tenure in Congress and during my earlier service in State government. When the federal government spends taxpayer dollars, those dollars should be spent on goods made by American workers. It's that simple.

Madam Speaker, I encourage all Members to cosponsor my "Make It in America Act," to support well-paying manufacturing jobs and help rebuild the American middle class.

HONORING MOUNTAIRE FARMS

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 20, 2021

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mountaire Farms and their enduring tradition of business excellence.

The family-owned poultry farm and processing company is the fourth largest in the nation, boasting a storied presence within North Carolina. Despite their scale, Mountaire has continued to cultivate a reputation for family values, business success, and giving back to local communities.

Aligned with a 2019 expansion in Chatham County, Mountaire features newly opened plant operations in Siler City, NC, the largest city in the county, and a portion of the 13th District that I have the pleasure of representing. The project represented a \$170 million investment, generating county tax revenue and creating over 1,000 jobs.

Partnering with over 500 growers and employing over 1,500 workers in Siler City, Mountaire's economic footprint is essential to the region. Statewide, Mountaire is an economic powerhouse employing over 5,000 employees and processing over 840,000 chickens on any given day, and is a major asset to North Carolina agriculture, the state's largest industry.

While continuing to increase production capacity and growing their business, Mountaire has remained focused on what really matters: the community they set up shop in. Through initiatives like Mountaire Cares, their annual Thanksgiving for Thousands drive, scholarships, and other community service projects, they are deeply invested in improving the quality of life for Chatham County residents.

Through it all, Mountaire embodies their core commitment "to be good stewards of all the assets God has entrusted to us." This includes caring for employees, neighbors, customers, and others by doing business the right way and by prioritizing people over mere profits.

Please join me in commending Mountaire Farms on a job well done.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LT. COL. MATT URBAN VFW AND AMVETS POST 7275

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 20, 2021

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lt. Col. Matt Urban VFW and AMVETS Post 7275 on the 75th anniversary of its founding.

The VFW and AMVETS Post, located in the Town of Lancaster, NY, is named after Matt Louis Urban, one of the most decorated Amer-

ican soldiers from WWII and a native of Buffalo, NY. Lieutenant Colonel Urban served in the United States Army from 1941–1946 and during his time in the military, saw combat in North Africa, Sicily, France, and Belgium. After being wounded in France, Urban and his battalion carried on into Belgium where he was severely wounded by machine gun fire in Philippeville. Urban eventually made his way to Germany without the ability to speak from his previous injuries and medically retired from the Army in 1946. Returning to the United States, Lieutenant Colonel Urban settled down in Michigan, received the Medal of Honor in 1979, and passed away in 1995. Some of Urban's other honors include 2 Silver Stars, 7 Purple Hearts, the Legion of Merit, and the Croix de Guerre from France.

Post 7275 adopted Lt. Col. Matt Urban's name in 2011 and today, it looks to keep its namesake's legacy of selfless service alive through community involvement and outreach. Chicken and steak dinners, classic car shows, and holiday parties all populate the Post's calendar and fundraiser for various causes and services. Additionally, the Post organizes several veteran-related services and memorials for its members. During the Thanksgiving holiday, a food drive is put on by and for veterans. For Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day, the Post organizes ceremonies to remember the fallen and honor its members' sacrifices. Flag Day is especially significant for both the VFW and AMVETS as flags are placed at the graves of veterans and those killed in action at local cemeteries. The Post has also remained very active during the COVID-19 pandemic, helping members stay in contact with the local VA hospital for medical services and keeping veterans informed about vaccination information.

I thank the Lt. Col. Matt Urban VFW and AMVETS Post 7275 for its tireless commitments to serving our local veterans and greater community, and I again congratulate the Post on its 75th anniversary.

HONORING KATHLEEN ANN MCCARTY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 20, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Kathleen Ann McCarty for her exceptional career dedicated to humanitarian service.

Kathleen was born in Calexico, California, but soon after relocated with her family to Santa Rosa, where she attended Santa Rosa Junior College. Her service began when she took a year off from school to volunteer at the Chidamoyo Christian Hospital in Zimbabwe. Though never part of her original career path, her experiences inspired her to pursue a career in nursing. In 1977, she graduated from the University of California, San Francisco and

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went on to take a position as head nurse in a high-risk obstetrics unit in Sacramento while simultaneously obtaining her master's degree in nursing in 1981. She returned to Zimbabwe after graduation where she lived for nearly 40 years except for a few years in the nineties, when she returned to the U.S. to undergo cancer treatment. Following her recovery, she worked as a nurse at the Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital for one year before returning to Zimbabwe.

Under her leadership as the Clinical Officer at Chidamoyo Hospital, Kathleen was able to restart childhood immunization programs and initiated a program for routine antenatal tetanus immunization, which has nearly eliminated newborn tetanus in Zimbabwe. In 2000, Kathleen began a program for antiviral treatment for pregnant mothers in labor, which helped drop AIDS transmission in Zimbabwe to under 10 percent. Kathleen's contributions have helped create 16 child vaccine clinics, seven HIV clinics, and have expanded the capacity of the hospital to 100 beds. Additionally, she created a scholarship program which supports the education of 250 young girls.

Kathleen was undeterred by health complications or by unpredictable events such as a fire that destroyed much of the hospital, a devastating outbreak of cholera, and even a break-in by local thieves demanding money. In September of 2020, Kathleen was diagnosed with a terminal malignancy and returned to the U.S. for treatment. She fought her illness with grace and never lost her sense of humor. Sadly, after 40 years of service, Kathleen passed away on May 26, 2021.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Kathleen Ann McCarty's achievements will leave a tremendous impact for generations to come. It is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING JOHNNIE KERSHAW

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 20, 2021

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor Johnnie Kershaw, a retired volunteer firefighter and native of Hoke County, North Carolina. The second oldest of nine children, Johnnie was born July 29, 1936, and moved to Brooklyn, New York, as a young man. There, he enrolled at Brooklyn Automotive School, where he learned transmission and auto body repair. In 1966, he returned to Hoke County and opened Kershaw's Body Shop, making him the first African-American man in the county to own his own paint and body shop.

Throughout his 30 years of service as a volunteer firefighter, Johnnie received several awards, including the Outstanding Leadership Award, the Outstanding Fire Chief Award, and the Outstanding Safety Award. Now, at 85 years old, Johnnie continues to serve as a model leader for the Hoke County community. I am proud to recognize his achievements today and to call him a constituent.

THE PASSING OF SERGEI KOVALEV

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 20, 2021

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today as the Co-Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (the Helsinki Commission) to remember the great Russian human rights activist Sergei Kovalev and to include in the RECORD an opinion column by Vladimir Kara-Murza from Wednesday's Washington Post.

MOSCOW—"Our opposition was not political; it was moral incompatibility with the regime," Sergei Kovalev, a leading figure in the Soviet dissident movement, explained in an interview for a documentary I made in the early 2000s. "At some point you realize that it is shameful to remain silent."

Last week, Kovalev died in his sleep at the age of 91. His funeral on Friday was attended by thousands of Muscovites who filed past his casket at the Sakharov Center, an institution named for his friend and mentor, Andrei Sakharov, and designated by Vladimir Putin's government as a "foreign agent." Several Western countries sent their diplomats to pay respects. No Russian government official attended.

Perhaps it was better this way. I doubt Kovalev would have appreciated hypocritical gestures of condolence from a regime led by a KGB officer who has brought back many of the authoritarian practices Kovalev spent his life fighting.

Like many in the Soviet dissident movement, Kovalev joined the human rights struggle from the academic world. A successful biophysicist and head of a laboratory section at Moscow State University, he had a PhD and more than 60 research papers to his name. But he could not remain silent in the face of a resurgent totalitarianism of the Brezhnev era that saw both domestic repression and aggressive posturing abroad. For Kovalev, the defining moments were the show trial of writers Andrei Sinyavsky and Yuli Daniel and the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, both in the second half of the 1960s.

His activism brought his scientific career to an end, of course. From then on, Kovalev dedicated his life to documenting, publicizing and confronting abuses committed by his government against his fellow citizens. A founding member of the Initiative Group for the Defense of Human Rights in the USSR—the first human rights group in the country—and the Moscow chapter of Amnesty International, Kovalev served as the editor of the Chronicle of Current Events, the samizdat news bulletin that reported on human rights violations throughout the Soviet Union. During Kovalev's subsequent trial on charges of "anti-Soviet agitation," the KGB tried to prove the slanderous nature of the Chronicle's reporting—but ended up confirming its accuracy. Not that it changed the outcome: Kovalev was sentenced to seven years of imprisonment followed by three years in internal exile. His trial was held behind closed doors with a preselected "audience." Sakharov tried, unsuccessfully, to enter the courtroom and ended up standing outside the door throughout the trial. At the very same time, in Oslo, Sakharov's wife, Elena Bonner, was accepting his Nobel Peace Prize, which he dedicated to "all prisoners of conscience in the Soviet Union and in other Eastern European countries"—including Kovalev, whom he mentioned by name.

The collapse of communist regimes in Eastern Europe saw many former dissidents

go into politics to help steer their countries toward democracy. Poland's Lech Walesa and Czechoslovakia's Vaclav Havel were only the best-known examples. In Russia, to its chagrin, this was more the exception than the norm—but Sergei Kovalev was among those exceptions. Four times he was elected to the Russian parliament. He was also Russia's first human rights ombudsman, co-wrote the human rights clauses in the constitution and served as Russia's representative on the U.N. Human Rights Commission and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

Throughout it all, he stayed true to the principles that had defined his dissident period. He sought to make politics moral and never compromised his conscience. With the start of Russia's military campaign in Chechnya, he tried to use his position to prevent bloodshed—including by personally leading negotiations that saved the lives of more than 1,500 hostages during a terrorist siege in the summer of 1995. But while President Boris Yeltsin had genuine respect for Kovalev, he chose advice from elsewhere. When it became clear that the war would not stop, Kovalev resigned his official positions and sent Yeltsin a sharply worded open letter. The president responded personally, thanking Kovalev for his service and expressing sympathy for his motivation. This was a different Russia.

Kovalev spent the last part of his life as he did the first: in opposition to a regime increasingly intolerant of domestic dissent and increasingly aggressive toward others. While Russia still had a real parliament, Kovalev remained a member—voting against Putin's confirmation as prime minister in 1999 and warning of a coming "authoritarian police state led by . . . the well-preserved Soviet security services" in early 2000. That was a time when many in Russia and in the West were still harboring illusions about Putin. When legal opposition politics became all but impossible, Kovalev returned to being what he knew best, a dissident. His last public appearance, earlier this year, was at a virtual event commemorating Sakharov's centennial.

Kovalev described himself as an idealist—an indispensable quality in a seemingly hopeless struggle against a ruthless authoritarian system. The main lesson from Kovalev and his fellow dissidents was that one can choose not to remain silent even in the most difficult circumstances. And that, in the end, the struggle might not be as hopeless as it seems."

HONORING UNITED STATES NAVY SEAMAN 1ST CLASS LYAL J. SAVAGE FOR HIS BRAVE SACRIFICE AT PEARL HARBOR DURING WORLD WAR II

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 20, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of United States Navy Seaman 1st Class Lyal J. Savage. At the age of 19, Seaman 1st Class Savage gave his life in service to this nation during the attack on Pearl Harbor. His remains were accounted for on July 29th, 2019, after being declared dead while missing in action for nearly 80 years.

Seaman 1st Class Savage was born in 1922 to Roswell "Ross" Savage and Elizabeth Savage. During World War II he joined the United States Navy and was assigned to the

USS Oklahoma. On December 7th, 1941 the *USS Oklahoma* was hit by enemy torpedoes while docked at Pearl Harbor Naval Base in Hawaii. The sinking of the *USS Oklahoma* claimed the lives of 429 crewmen, including Seaman 1st Class Savage, who was declared dead while missing in action. On July 29th, 2019, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency was able to declare Lyal Savage accounted for nearly 80 years after his death. Lyal Savage received the Purple Heart for his heroism and sacrifice on that fateful day.

On August 21, 2021, Seaman 1st Class Savage will reach his final resting place in his hometown of Dexter, New York, where he will be buried with full military honors. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I thank Seaman 1st Class Savage for his service and his sacrifice, and I am proud to honor his legacy of defending American liberty, freedom, and democracy.

HONORING FRED A. MANUELE

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 20, 2021

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate my constituent, Fred A. Manuele from Arlington Heights, for receiving the inaugural Prevention through Design (PtD) Award. Presented by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP), and the National Safety Council (NSC), this award recognizes individuals, teams, businesses, or other organizations that have improved worker safety and health by designing-out hazards or contributing to the body of knowledge that enables PtD solutions.

Fred Manuele is a longtime occupational safety and health expert and a pioneer in the prevention through design field. ASSP republished many of his influential professional papers in a book titled, *Fred Manuele on Safety Management: A Collection from Professional Safety*. Fred also published numerous occupational safety and health textbooks that always included the need for designing-out workplace hazards and the methods to do so.

In 1995, Manuele led a focused 10-year NSC initiative, the Institute for Safety Through Design, which culminated in a textbook he co-authored titled, *Safety through Design*. In 2007, inspired by Fred's work, NIOSH and numerous partners launched a National Prevention through Design Initiative. Manuele volunteered to lead the effort to develop and approve a broad, universal voluntary consensus PtD standard aligned with international PtD activities, practices, and standards.

PtD aims to prevent or reduce occupational injuries, illnesses, and fatalities through the inclusion of prevention considerations in all designs that impact workers. This includes the design, redesign and retrofit of new and existing work premises, structures, tools, facilities, equipment, machinery, products, substances, work processes, and the organization of work. In addition to reducing the risk of serious injury and illness, significant cost savings are often associated with hazard elimination and the application of engineering controls to minimize risks.

Manuele has received many honors and awards for his accomplishments. He is an ASSP Fellow and a recipient of the NSC's Distinguished Service to Safety Award. He is a former board member of ASSP, NSC, and the Board of Certified Safety Professionals, where he also served as president and received a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013. In 2015, the University of Central Missouri presented him with its Distinguished Service Award. In 2016, Manuele received the ASSP President's Award for his dedication to advancing the practice of safety.

I am pleased to congratulate Fred for his outstanding foresight, wisdom, tireless effort, and major accomplishments in preventing harm to workers by helping organizations avoid and prevent hazards. This award is well-deserved.

COMMEMORATING 86TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1935

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 20, 2021

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 86th anniversary of the passage of the landmark Social Security Act of 1935, the most famous of the New Deal measures and perhaps the most beneficial and consequential government program in American history.

On August 14, 1935, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed into law the Social Security Act of 1935 and made good on the Democratic Party's commitment to provide income security to Americans in their old age.

Social Security has transformed what it means to grow old in this country.

For 86 years, Social Security has represented a bedrock promise to the American people: that a lifetime of work will be rewarded with the peace of mind, certainty, and sense of security of a stable retirement.

As we celebrate the 86th anniversary of the Social Security Act of 1935, we should reflect also on the real-life transformative impact America's most successful program continues to have on millions of Americans each year.

Social Security has been a stable and secure source of income for millions of seniors and families, many of whom desperately need it, over these last more than seven decades.

In the 18th Congressional District of Texas, Social Security is the primary economic lifeline for more than 91,000 seniors and disabled persons. Social Security's economic impact also goes well beyond the seniors and families receiving benefits.

It also benefits state economies and local businesses all across the country.

In the 18th Congressional District of Texas, Social Security recipients inject more than \$97 million into the local economy annually; nationwide, this figure is \$775 billion.

When more than 58 million Americans use the purchasing power of those benefits, they are supporting businesses with dollars they would not have without Social Security.

Madam Speaker, far too often overlooked is the seismic impact that Social Security has had in shaping our national economy and the structure of life chances for hundreds of millions of Americans through the years.

Before Social Security, children were wholly responsible for the care and support of aging parents, which meant they were tethered to the towns, villages, communities, and rural areas where they grew up and their parents resided.

Madam Speaker, before passage of the Social Security Act, it was very rare for children to leave their hometown to attend college in a city far away and after graduating move to another place far away to start a career, take a job, or begin a business.

The Social Security Act of 1935 changed that, not only by providing financial support to aging parents but by providing their children the opportunity to chase their dreams, realize their full potential, and use their skills and talents to make America better by providing the peace of mind that their beloved parents would not be financially destitute in their golden years.

Those children would go on to invent new industries creating millions of good jobs, discover life-saving vaccines, design and build systems that won the Cold War and put a man on the Moon and brought him back to Earth, and vastly broadened the frontiers of knowledge.

This is also the legacy of Social Security, the visionary social program of FDR's New Deal that helped make America the world's leading superpower.

It is shameful that there are congressional Republicans who continue to promote various plans to privatize or partially privatize Social Security—plans that would rob seniors of the economic security they count on.

Over the last 86 years, House Democrats have protected and strengthened Social Security; and now and in the future, House Democrats will always act to preserve Social Security and safeguard the rights of our nation's seniors and will extend similar protection to America's children by making permanent the Child Tax Credit, what in future years will come to be known as "Social Security for Children."

And as we look to the future, we can celebrate that what was put in place in 1935 with the Social Security Act of 1935 has given us the foundation for a secure and prosperous future for all Americans.

AMERICAN SUFFRAGIST MARKER DEDICATION, AUGUST 26, 2021

HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 20, 2021

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the American Suffragist Marker Dedication occurring on August 26, 2021.

In November 1917, on the sidewalks outside the White House, women stood on the pavement in silence. They stood in rain and shine and cold, brandishing signs demanding passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution. With passage, would come the right to vote for most American women.

In mid-November 1917, 32 suffragists were arrested in front of the White House. Many were past the age of 60. The charge was "Obstructing Traffic." The "Silent Sentinels" were ordered to be imprisoned at the District of Columbia (Occoquan) Workhouse in Lorton, Virginia.

Along with unwashed bedding, putrid food and fetid water, the women were subjected to undue hardships and torture, resulting in the infamous November 14, 1917 "Night of Terror." A number of women prisoners were threatened, chained to their cells, beaten and hurled against walls, floors and metal fixtures. One woman suffered a heart attack and was denied prompt medical attention. A few days later, violent force feedings began for suffragists who had initiated a hunger strike in retaliation against the brutality.

Bruised, ill and broken, the suffragist prisoners were brought to Alexandria, Virginia on November 27, 1917, for a hearing at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., agreeing the women's treatment had been unduly harsh, ordered the release of the suffragists from Occoquan. Freed from the brutality of Occoquan, many resumed their cause for enfranchisement.

The 19th Amendment was ratified August 18, 1920. Certification of the Amendment by U.S. Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby occurred a few days later, on August 26, 1920. August 26 is now known as Women's Equality Day.

This Women's Equality Day, August 26, 2021, Alexandria Mayor Justin Wilson, the Office of Historic Alexandria and Alexandria Celebrates Women will dedicate an historic marker to honor the women who bravely endured imprisonment and torture in their efforts to gain equality at the ballot box and to recognize the site of the landmark hearing that took place in Alexandria.

HONORING JANICE LANE SCHROEDER AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 20, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a tireless advocate, role model, leader, and the CEO of Children & Families of Iowa Janice Lane Schroeder as Iowan of the Week.

Janice is a leader in Iowa's statewide efforts to serve families harmed by substance abuse, mental health crises, domestic abuse, and other life circumstances. After starting her career working with chemically dependent adults, she now heads the hardworking team at Children & Families of Iowa.

This nonprofit is one of the top family services organizations in our state. Through its varied programs and services, the organization helps everyone from children who need a safe home to adults learning to cope with trauma. Children & Families of Iowa goes beyond offering solutions for families and children in crisis; the organization offers hope when it may seem like there is none. They offer a chance to build better futures and provide an opportunity to change lives.

The saying the apple doesn't fall far from the tree applies to Janice and her family. She learned through her own family's service to others, and that inspired her to become the leader and advocate she is today. Her father, Rev. Hardest Lane, founded the nonprofit H.E. Lane Center for Positive Change to assist men reentering the community from incarcer-

ation. Her mother, Janice O. Lane, a missionary and National Merit Scholarship Corp. administrator, led work establishing a family reunification center so women could be visited by their children.

With everything she's already accomplished in her career, Janice still has a few more projects on her bucket list. Some of those projects include: developing a multicultural, clinical team specializing in child welfare in marginalized communities, further establishing existing initiatives in early childhood education, and parent-child educational opportunities; developing more accessible mental health care treatments for survivors of domestic abuse; and improving employment education for youths.

It is Janice's passion for the work that she does that makes her such an effective leader and community advocate, and it is people like her who make Iowa such a great place. I will continue to fight in Congress to support organizations like Children & Families of Iowa and amplify the continued efforts of advocates like Janice. It is my pleasure to honor Janice Lane Schroeder as Iowan of the Week.

HONORING THE NORTHWEST INDIANA BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2021

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 20, 2021

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I commend several remarkable leaders who have been honored as the Northwest Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame Class of 2021. This year's inductees include Maria and Oscar Martinez, Pat Popa, Peter Nau, and the Ziese Family. Centier Bank was also presented the Enterprise of the Year Award.

Maria and Oscar Martinez are the proud owners of Tortillas Nuevo Leon, a family-owned company in Hammond, which sells tortilla products to grocers and restaurants. Maria and Oscar were both born and raised in Nuevo Leon, Mexico. After coming to East Chicago in 1957, Oscar spent 14 years making tortillas in the tortilla factory before starting Tortillas Nuevo Leon with Maria in 1975, making only tortillas. In 1990, the family tradition continued when their two sons, Jesus and Jaime, and their daughter, Olga, joined the company and helped expand the product line and distribution networks. Oscar retired in 2005 and Maria followed in 2007, leaving their children to run the business. Jesus became president, Jaime is vice president, and Olga is the office manager. Tortillas Nuevo Leon products can be found in twenty-eight states and Canada.

Pat Popa is the owner of Popa Heating and Cooling, an HVAC company located in Highland. Popa Heating and Cooling was originally founded in 1968 by Pat's husband, Nick Popa. Their initial focus was installing heating and cooling systems in new home construction, but growth and success have enabled the company to expand their services to include existing residential heating and cooling in the Northwest Indiana area. Now, they replace old systems, offer new installations for existing homes, and provide system services, repairs,

and equipment. Pat has been instrumental in organizing projects in downtown Highland to help increase traffic for the retail business district and improve the quality of life for its residents. In addition to her successful business, Pat gives much of her time and efforts to the Northwest Indiana community. In 2003, Pat created "Downtown Ducks," a public art project that earned her the Governor's Award for Volunteerism from then-Governor Joseph Kernan. She has also been recognized by South Shore Arts with a Lifetime Distinguished Service Membership for developing a scholarship program for art students in Lake, Porter and LaPorte Counties through "The County Seats" public art project.

Peter Nau is the president of Hammond Machine Works, a North American supplier of high-quality precision machining, metal fabrication, assembly and finishing of parts to the OEM market. Hammond Machine Works, which serves the rail car industry, has always been a family business. The business began in 1908 and was owned by Charles Nicholas Nau. Charles' son, Mike Nau, purchased the business in 1962 from Henry Kuehl and grew the company's capabilities and involvement in the community. Peter first started working with the company in 1979, and in 1992 he purchased the business from his father and took over as President. Under Peter's leadership, Hammond Machine Works has continued to succeed and expand. In 2015, the company invested \$4 million in new equipment at its production facility in Dallas, Texas. Hammond Machine Works was honored with the Premier Supplier Award from one of the major car builders in Texas in addition to earning a collaboration award for working with a company to develop a product. For his contributions to charitable endeavors throughout Northwest Indiana, Peter was named Person of the Year by the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce in 2016. Peter and his wife, Debbie, have three sons, Peter, Travis, and Michael, all of whom play a role in Hammond Machine Works.

The Ziese Family owns and operates Ziese & Sons Excavating, Inc., a demolition and excavating company based in Crown Point. Ziese & Sons was established in the early 1970s by the late Kenneth D. and Jean Ziese. The small business started with just mom, dad, two sons, Kenneth and Zach, and a dump truck. The company continued to grow and expand and joined the operating engineers, becoming unionized in 1991. This made it easier to secure commercial jobs, insurance, and other benefits. Ziese & Sons Excavating currently has 47 employees, which includes family members from the third generation. Zach Ziese serves as the president, Ken Ziese as vice president, and Jean Ziese is the company's secretary. A couple of noteworthy projects completed by Ziese & Sons Excavating include the Strack & Van Til plaza in Crown Point and the new Franciscan hospital.

The recipient of the Enterprise of the Year Award is Centier Bank, Indiana's largest private family-owned bank. Originally known as Bank of Whiting, Centier Bank was founded by Henry Schrage in 1895 after he opened a bank inside of his general store. Since 1895, the Schrage family has built a legacy of success that extends throughout the communities it serves. Under the leadership of current president and CEO, Michael Schrage, Centier Bank currently has 60 offices throughout

northern and central Indiana and nearly \$6 billion in assets. In addition, Mr. Schrage is dedicated and passionate about providing a “servant heart culture” to clients, financial partners, and to the community. Whether it is through sponsorships and donations, volunteerism, or any other means of philanthropic outreach, Centier Bank’s primary goal is to be an engaged and passionate member of the community while creating a sustainable impact.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these dedicated leaders and organizations upon their induction into the Northwest Indiana Business and Industry Hall of Fame. They are truly deserving of this honor, and for their exceptional leadership and commitment to the region and beyond, each of them is worthy of the highest praise.

HONORING SPECIAL EVENT
SERVICES

HON. TED BUDD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 20, 2021

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American spirit of determination, resilience, and steady faith as embodied by Special Event Services (SES), a full service technical production company headquartered in Mocksville, North Carolina.

Keeping time with the music industry, it came as no surprise to founding partners Jim Brammer and Jeff Cranfill that earning a living from their craft would require infectious passion and a commitment to the next show, regardless of the size of the crowd. From their opening act as a 1986 garage start-up, the duo steadily grew SES into a major industry player, eventually providing their live-event production services in audio, lighting, video, and rigging to the likes of 18 Grammy winners and many more.

SES’ clientele ranges from iconic legends of decades past, like Hootie and the Blowfish and Lynyrd Skynyrd, to contemporary chart-toppers such as Luke Combs, Ed Sheeran, and The Avett Brothers. Also aligned with the heart of the company’s business is their desire

to amplify Christian voices, and SES has provided services to Franklin Graham, Joyce Meyer, and Joel Osteen, among others.

Such success, however, hasn’t been achieved without its own share of challenges. When concerts, shows, and national tours came screeching to a halt at the onset of 2020’s COVID-19 pandemic, SES too was forced to take a hiatus from their regular way of doing business. Due to lockdown and stay-at-home orders, the company pivoted instead to producing intimate online sessions streamed for fans to view from their homes.

In October of 2020—despite a grim outlook for the live event and performance industry as they knew it—SES celebrated the grand opening of their recently completed new base of operations, planting them in the historic town of Mocksville, the heart of Davie County. Fast-forward to the summer of 2021, and business is rapidly picking up tempo, proving our economy is primed to rebound to its former heights. One higher profile example of recent note, the Carolina Country Music Festival, featured a star-studded lineup and over 30,000 fans in attendance for the multi-day festival. Being tapped to lead the production was SES, a decision that’s indicative of the industry’s confidence in the company and its work.

Though 2020 was a year of uncertainty, the company set their sights ahead and continued working towards the reemergence of their core business: live-event production services. With tours, festivals, performances, and gatherings back in full swing, it’s abundantly clear that a central belief of SES that “Together we are greater than the sum of our parts” is ringing loud and true.

Please join me in applauding Special Event Services for their perseverance through adversity as they faithfully live out their work’s mission, one show at a time.

HONORING LT. GEN. JOHN F.
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OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 20, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant General John F.

Gonge for his long and distinguished military career as well as the establishment of the Gonge Innovation Center at Travis Air Force Base’s Phoenix Spark Lab. Lt. Gen. Gonge was born in 1921, in Ansley, Neb., where he graduated from Ansley High School in 1938 before his desire to serve led him to enter active military service as an aviation cadet. He attended the U.S. Army Air Corps Flying School at Lubbock Army Air Field, Texas, where he received his pilot wings and commission as a second lieutenant in December 1943. During World War II, he flew the “Hump” in the China-Burma-India campaigns with the Army Air Corps Air Transport Command, ensuring crucial resources could be transported through the treacherous Himalayas to American allies.

A career transport pilot, General Gonge has filled innumerable roles during his career, remaining with airlift forces through Air Training Command, Military Air Transport Service, and Military Airlift Command. At each stop along the way he has imparted his experience and wisdom to many others who seek to serve their country. In July 1969 he came to Travis Air Force Base as vice commander of the 60th Military Airlift Wing before he was assigned as commander of the 63d Military Airlift Wing at Norton Air Force Base, Calif., in February 1970. Subsequently, General Gonge commanded the 22d Air Force at Travis Air Force Base from August 1972 to August 1975, when he became vice commander of the Military Airlift Command.

General Gonge is a command pilot with more than 13,000 flying hours. His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal, and the Distinguished Unit Citation Emblem. These recognitions and his promotion to the grade of lieutenant general in September, 1975 make it clear that General Gonge’s legacy will continue to guide and inspire generations to come. On behalf of the people of California’s 3rd Congressional District, I offer my sincere gratitude for his many decades of dedicated service.